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## Abstract

The invention relates to a method, a computer program and a control device for operating a vehicle in a mode of operation which can be activated by its user and which is restricted compared with a normal mode of operation of the vehicle. Such methods and devices are in the prior art in the form of a cruise controller for example. In the cruise controller, the maximum speed can be limited, for example, allowing the user to define a restricted mode operation. However, the known methods and devices of this type have the disadvantage that they do not effectively protect the vehicle against misuse against theft. To overcome this disadvantage, proposed according to the invention to develop such and devices in methods such а manner that restricted mode of operation thereof can only deactivated again by an authorized person who does not need to be identical to the user.

(Figure 1)

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